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### CALTRANS AWARDS \$203 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

**SACRAMENTO** – Caltrans has awarded nearly \$203 million in grants to improve public transit across California. More than 80 projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations and create jobs throughout the state. The grants are funded through Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a ten-year period to improve public transit in California.

"These projects are a direct investment in our state's public transit system and will help energize California's economy," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Not only will these projects help create jobs, they will also reduce traffic congestion, clean the air, and provide Californians an alternative to rising gas prices."

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

- Two allocations worth a total of \$20.9 million to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink) to be used for Positive Train Control and Sealed Corridor safety measures.
- One allocation worth \$405,185 to the City of Norwalk for the purchase of Paratransit buses or vans;
- Two allocations worth a total of \$678,500 to the City of Gardena to purchase a bus security camera system and to purchase seven replacement alternate fuel buses.

To date, Proposition 1B has funded \$1.34 billion in transit projects.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received transit grants in this funding cycle, please visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/Prop1BTransitProjectsJanuary2012.pdf>